

REMARKS

The Office action mailed 4 September 2008, has been received and its contents carefully noted. In the Office action mailed 4 September 2008, the Examiner required a restriction as follows:

Group I, claims 1-19, 21 and 22 drawn to a method for identifying DNA sequence variation.

Group II, claim 20 drawn to a kit.

The Examiner deemed that the inventions of Groups I through II do not relate to a single inventive concept.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Invention I (claims 1-19, 21 and 22), without traverse.

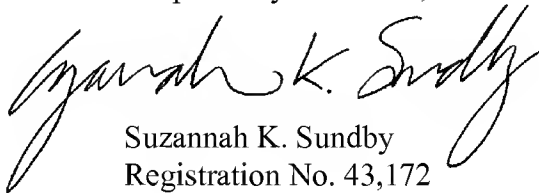
Applicants also reserve the right to pursue any claims canceled as a result of this Restriction Requirement in a continuing application without prejudice or disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. The right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected groups is respectfully reserved. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our **Deposit Account No. 02-4300**, Attorney Docket No. **034263.002**.

Respectfully submitted,



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